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Sir:

**In the Specification:**

25 Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4.

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, after line 4:

30 This application is a continuation of pending U.S. patent application  
08/975,940, filed November 21, 1997.

**In the claims:**

35 Please cancel claims 2, 9, 10, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 31, 33, and 34.

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